

Application No. 09/605,605
Amendment dated July 1, 2004
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Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended. New claims 23 and 24 have been added and correspond to medium claims (e.g., Beauregard type claims) corresponding to allowed method claims 21 and 22.

Regarding the amendments to claims 1 and 16, as indicated in Office Action ¶8, S Brands "Restrictive Blinding of Secret-Key Certificates" (Brands) "neither shows nor implies erasing a second key pair after a communication session."

As amended, claims 1 now recites "producing the pseudonym for the permanent key pair, the pseudonym including a public pseudonym key within a platform," and also recites the operation of "erasing at least the public pseudonym key after utilization in a communication session." Thus, similar to claims 12 and 21, claim 1 now recites two key pairs, where at least the public pseudonym key is erased after use in a communication session. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now presently allowable for at least the reasons for claims 12 and 21.

Regarding the amendments to claim 16, claim 16 already recited a permanent key pair, and the pseudonym which has its associated public pseudonym key. As with claim 1, claim 16 has been amended to recite "wherein at least the public pseudonym key is erased after utilization in a communication session," and hence claim 16 should also be allowable for at least the reasons as for claims 12 and 21.

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The Examiner is thanked for the careful attention paid to the present matter. However, it is believed the foregoing amendments render moot the rejections in the present Office Action.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-12, 15-24 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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